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### President Obama, House and Senate agree to grant relief to North Texas Municipal Water District water supply issues

*President signs bill providing exemption to Lacey Act, restoring 28% of water supplies*

(Wylie, Texas-December 28, 2012) Both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives passed and President Obama today signed a bill that allows the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) to resume pumping water from Lake Texoma when a new \$300 million pipeline is completed in the fall of 2013. Currently, NTMWD cannot utilize water from Lake Texoma, which represents 28% of its water supply, because of the invasive zebra mussel.

NTMWD is greatly appreciative of the collaborative effort on the part of Senator Cornyn along with Representatives Hall, Sessions and Johnson in the House. NTMWD thanks all elected officials involved for their efforts and participation with the passage of this Bill. The swift movement of this Bill positively affects more than 1.6 million citizens that are served by NTMWD.

With the Congressional exemption from the *Lacey Act*, NTMWD will be allowed to use the soon to be completed 46 mile pipeline to transfer water from the Texoma pump station directly to the water treatment plant in Wylie, Texas. The closed pipeline and the water treatment process will prevent any invasive species, including the zebra mussels, from being released into the environment while restoring a major portion of the NTMWD's water supply.

Despite the legislative action that will restore the Lake Texoma water supply late next year, the NTMWD remains under Stage 2 water management measures in response to the current drought conditions. An unseasonably dry summer and fall has resulted in Lavon Lake, the district's primary reservoir, to drop almost 10 feet below the normal water level. Water efficient practices are necessary to extend the current available supplies until Lavon Lake receives much needed rain inflows and the Texoma supply is restored.